

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 826. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to provide for transitional housing assistance grants for child victims of domestic violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 827. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to States in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 828. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions to develop, demonstrate, or disseminate information on practices, methods, or techniques relating to environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 829. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 830. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to restore and protect forests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 831. A bill to establish programs to enhance protection of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 832. A bill to provide that bonuses and other extraordinary or excessive compensation of corporate insiders and wrongdoers may be included in the bankruptcy estate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 833. A bill to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to the public lands, National Parks System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 834. A bill for the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 835. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan borrowers with a choice of lender for loan consolidation, to provide notice regarding loan consolidation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 836. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 837. A bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 838. A bill to waive the limitation on the use of funds appropriated for the Homeland Security Grant Program; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 839. A bill for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 840. A bill to establish the Great Basin National Heritage Route in the States of Nevada and Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 841. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 843. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 844. A bill to subject the United States to imposition of fees and costs in proceedings relating to State water rights adjudications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 845. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 846. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 847. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 848. A bill for the relief of Daniel King Cairo; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 849. A bill to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 111. A resolution designating April 30, 2003, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 112. A resolution designating April 11th, 2003, as "National Youth Service Day", and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 113. A resolution commending the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 114. A resolution honoring the life of NBC Reporter David Bloom, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 115. A resolution congratulating the Syracuse University men's basketball team for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 116. A resolution commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Al Lerner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 15

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections

and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program.

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 196

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 196, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, *supra*.

S. 317

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs for work and family, and for other purposes.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 616

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 616, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever ther-

mometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study on the feasibility of designating the Trail of the Ancients as a national historic trail.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 703

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 703, a bill to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

S. 726

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to treat the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as a legal public holiday for purposes of Federal employment, and for other purposes.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 758, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain energy-efficient property.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 780, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

S. 796

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 796, a bill to provide for the appointment of a Director of State and Local Government Coordination within the Department of Homeland Security and to transfer the Office for Domestic Preparedness to the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to enhance the rights of crime victims, to establish grants for local governments to assist crime victims, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of medicare beneficiaries to health care provided by hospitals in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, non-profit child care businesses eligible for SBA 504 loans.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the expeditious coverage of new medical technology under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect pension benefits of employees in defined benefit plans and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to enforce the age discrimination requirements of the Internal Revenue Code 1986.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S.J. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 8, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences.

S. CON. RES. 31

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing the outrage of Congress at the treatment of certain American prisoners of war by the Government of Iraq.

S. CON. RES. 31

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 31, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 826. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to provide for transitional housing assistance grants for child victims of domestic violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will provide much-needed grants for transitional housing services to victims of domestic violence who are brave enough to leave an abusive situation and seek a new life of safety and freedom. I am pleased that Senators KENNEDY and BIDEN join me as original cosponsors of this important legislation.

I witnessed the devastating effects of domestic violence early in my career as the Vermont State's Attorney for Chittenden County. Today, more than

50 percent of homeless individuals are women and children fleeing domestic violence. More than half the cities surveyed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 2000 cited domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness. The women and children who leave their abusers tend to have few, if any, funds with which they can support themselves. Shelters offer short-term assistance, but are overcrowded and unable to provide the support needed. Transitional housing allows women to bridge the gap between leaving a domestic violence situation and becoming fully self-sufficient, but such assistance is limited because there is currently no Federal funding for transitional housing specifically for those victims.

If we truly seek an end to domestic violence, then transitional housing must be available to all those fleeing domestic abuse. The stable, sustainable home base for women and their children found in transitional housing allows women the opportunities to learn new job skills, participate in educational programs, work full-time jobs, and search for adequate child care in order to gain self-sufficiency. Without such resources, many women eventually return to situations where they are abused and even killed. This cycle of domestic abuse must end, and transitional housing assistance is one of the tools we can use to end it.

A transitional housing grant program was last authorized for only one year as part of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2000. This program would have been administered through the Department of Health and Human Services and provided \$25 million in fiscal year 2001. Unfortunately, funds were never appropriated for the program, and the authorization has now expired.

The grant program established in the bill I introduce today with Senators KENNEDY and BIDEN would establish a new Department of Justice grant program that authorizes the Attorney General, acting in consultation with the Director of the Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This program would have the benefit of a wide range of expertise in the three departments, and has enormous potential to improve people's lives. It would authorize \$30 million in DOJ transitional housing grants for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

This new grant program administered through DOJ will make a big impact in many areas of the country where availability of affordable housing is at an all-time low. There are many dedicated people working to provide victims of domestic violence with resources, such as Rose Pulliam of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, but they can not work alone. We should all be concerned with providing victims of

domestic violence a safe place to gain the skills and stability needed to make the transition to independence. This is an important component of reducing and preventing crimes that take place in domestic situations, ranging from assault and child abuse to homicide, and helping the victims of these crimes.

I am pleased that our bill will be included in the conference report on the PROTECT Act, S. 151. I thank the conferees for including in the conference agreement this language for a grant program that will supply to victims fleeing domestic violence situations tangible means by which they may move on with their lives.

I ask unanimous consent that a section by section analysis of this bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the additional materials were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A BILL TO AMEND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OF 1994 TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

This section amends Subtitle B of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13701 note; 108 Stat. 1925) to include a new Chapter 11—Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Child Victims of Domestic Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault.

Subsection (a) of this section authorizes the Attorney General, acting in consultation with the Director of Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to award grants to organizations, States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to carry out programs to provide assistance to minors, adults, and their dependents who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or related assistance as a result of fleeing a situation of domestic violence, and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

Subsection (b) provides that the grants awarded may be used for programs that provide short-term housing assistance, which includes rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing for minors, adults and their dependents. Grants will also be available for support services designed to help those fleeing a situation of domestic violence to locate and secure permanent housing, as well as integrate into a community by providing with services, such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.

Subsection (c) states that a minor, an adult, or a dependent who receives assistance under this section may receive that assistance for not more than 18 months. The recipient of a grant under this section may waive the time restriction for not more than an additional 6 month period with respect to any minor, adult, or dependent, so long as he or she has made a good-faith effort to acquire permanent housing; and has been unable to acquire permanent housing.

Subsection (d) specifies the application process for transitional housing grants. Each